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1. Peter, which were officially designated Kommandos I and II, were being activated in the former Panzer Kaserne in Erfurt-Steiger. (1) The VPs quartered in the barracks installation came from all over Eastern Germany. No heavy weapons were observed. Regiment Hocht, which was commanded by VP Oberst Hocht (Hnu), included a Sonderabteilung V led by VP Kommissar Michaelis (Hnu). This Sonderabteilung consisted of 3 platoons with 3 squads to each platoon. Each of the squads was to be equipped with a cross-country vehicle mounting a heavy machine gun. (2)
2. On 15 August, VP Regiment Peter with a strength of about 1,200 men moved to Torgelow and, on 18 August, VP Regiment Hocht with a strength of 1,137 men moved to Eggesin. (2) VP Regiment Hocht was quartered in tents in a large restricted area in the woods south of Eggesin, about 2 km from the Stettiner Haff. Five other VP Kommandos were also observed in tent camps in this area. The billeting areas of the individual Kommandos were guarded by VPs equipped with small arms. The VPs were forbidden to leave the areas of their Kommandos.
3. The VP units observed in the Eggesin area were engaged in preparing their quarters. Several thousand members of the Dienst Fuer Deutschland labor service were also working on the construction of VP quarters. The VP quarters under construction near Torgelow are to be completed by 1 November, although excavating work was started only some time ago. The VPs in the area were served their meals from field kitchens. Except for Soviet advisers, no Soviet soldiers were seen in the restricted area.

4. [] a large portion of the weapons for the VP units quartered in this area had already arrived and further weapons shipments were expected. The units quartered in Agsein allegedly form the armeegruppe Nord. The weapons for this armeegruppe are allegedly detrained in Frankfurt and trucked from there to the Agsein area at night. All the weapons are scheduled to arrive prior to 1 November 1952. This date has been set as the official beginning of the training year. (2) It has been announced that no leave will be granted effective 1 November. At present, only 10 percent of the VP recruits are given short leaves, but the regular VP personnel are granted their annual leaves. After 19 September, the VPs are to be issued their new uniform which allegedly is khaki colored. (3) It is reported that on 7 October 1952, a parade of the VPs

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will be held in Berlin to celebrate the Day of the People's Army. (U)

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Comments.

- (1) It is believed that the Panzer Kaserne in Erfurt-Steiger is identical with the Loserfeld Kaserne which was formerly occupied by a tank unit of the German Army.
- (2) The two tank units activated in Erfurt received their personnel from other VP units. It is believed that the two regiments will be equipped with tanks and other weapons after completion of construction work in the Agosin-Torgelow area. The organization of these units can only be determined after they have received their authorized equipment. The designation Armeegruppe Nord was previously known. It refers to the Volkspolizei units which are being activated in northeastern Mecklenburg. Their headquarters is in Pasewalk.
- (3) There are numerous indications that the military units of the Volkspolizei will soon be issued a new uniform patterned after the Soviet one.
- (4) The 7 October 1952 was previously mentioned as the date for the official promulgation of universal military service. Similar measures had been announced for June and July. It is not known whether universal military service will be introduced at the date mentioned.

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